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Dr. William G. Clark
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Dear Dr. Clark:

This is in reply to your letter of November 26 requesting information about our research plans under the Kennedy grant. The most complete statement we have about the work to be carried on in the Kennedy Laboratories is in the attached material, which was originally presented to the Kennedy Foundation to set forth our approach to the problem of mental retardation.

A specific statement of the work under way in this department is contained in the Notice of Research Project relating to our application for funds from the National Institutes of Health for the project in molecular neurobiology. This statement is:

"An effort will be made to extract and fractionate brain proteins, and to characterize them with respect to amino-acid composition, cellular localization, functional significance, developmental, genetic and pathological variation. Isolated fractions will be examined for rate of synthesis and degradation of the polypeptide chain, and for exchange of episequential $-NH_2$ and NHR ."

Sincerely yours,

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